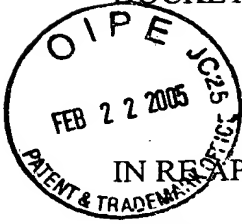


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated September 21, 2004, Applicants respectfully
request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following
amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begins on page 8 of this response.

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